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TAGS: NATO, PARM, FRG, UK, FR  
SUBJECT: TRILATERAL FRG-UK-FRENCH COORDINATION ON  
- ARMS CONTROL

REF: BONN 35507

1. *g* - ENTIRE TEXT. J

2. CHARGE MET ON NOVEMBER 4 [REDACTED]  
REGARDING REPORTS FROM BONN OF A UK-FRG-FRENCH  
WORKING GROUP ON ARMS CONTROL ISSUES. [REDACTED] DENIED  
THERE WAS ANY TRUTH TO THE STORIES, EITHER REPORTS  
THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM OFFICIALS IN BONN OR THE  
MONDAY ARTICLE THAT APPEARED IN THE WALL STREET  
JOURNAL, WITH A LAUGH. [REDACTED] SAID WE COULD IMAGINE  
THE WRATH OF THE FCO HAD THEY DISCOVERED A SEPARATE  
FOREIGN POLICY EMANATING FROM NUMBER 10.

3. [REDACTED] WAS AT A LOSS AS TO THE BASIS FOR THE  
STORIES. HE SAID THAT AN FCO CABLE REPORTING ON THE  
FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT IN FRANKFURT LAST WEEK HAD  
MENTIONED THAT THE FRENCH AND GERMANS HAD AGREED TO  
INITIATE AN ANALYTICAL STUDY ON ARMS CONTROL IN  
EUROPE WITH A THOUGHT POSSIBLY OF INVITING THE  
BRITISH TO PARTICIPATE. [REDACTED] ALSO MENTIONED THAT  
WHEN MITTERRAND HAD LUNCHEONED WITH MRS. THATCHER IN  
LONDON TWO WEEKS AGO, THEY HAD DISCUSSED THE  
IMMEDIATE RESULTS OF REYKJAVIK AND HAD AGREED THAT  
THEIR CONCERNS SHOULD BE PASSED ON TO KOHL PRIOR TO  
THE CHANCELLOR'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. AS A RESULT,  
[REDACTED] HAD TELEPHONED TELTSCHIK. [REDACTED] COULD THINK  
OF NO OTHER INSTANCES TO SUBSTANTIATE THE STORY. //

4. [REDACTED] DISMISSED THE IDEA OF A TRILATERAL ..

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EUROPEAN SECURITY GROUP -- "IT WOULD MAKE NO SENSE WITHOUT THE AMERICANS." HE SAID THE GERMANS MIGHT BE INTENDING TO RAISE THE PROSPECT WITH MRS. THATCHER LATER IN THE MONTH WHEN SHE SEES CHANCELLOR KOHL, BUT NEITHER NUMBER 10 NOR THE FCO HAS SO FAR BEEN APPROACHED WITH THE IDEA. SEITZ

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